

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (original) A system for retaining and displaying a piece of material, said system comprising:

a piece of material having an upper surface, a lower surface, and an outer periphery;

an intermediate fixation system attached to the lower surface of said piece of material;

a lower layer having an outer periphery, an upper surface and a lower surface, said piece of material being affixed to the upper surface of said lower layer by said intermediate fixation system, said lower layer being sized such that the outer periphery thereof extends beyond the outer periphery of said piece of material;

an upper layer having an outer periphery sized such that the outer periphery of said upper layer extends beyond the outer periphery of said piece of material, and is sealed to the upper surface of said lower layer, said upper layer having an opening passing therethrough which is sized such that a portion of said upper layer surrounding the opening therein overlies and is sealed to the outer periphery of said piece of material on its upper surface; and

an adhesive layer applied to the lower surface of said lower layer.

2. (original) The system of Claim 1 wherein said adhesive layer applied to the lower surface of said lower layer comprises a pressure sensitive adhesive.
3. (original) The system of Claim 2 wherein said pressure sensitive adhesive layer has a releasable backing layer applied thereto.
4. (original) The system of Claim 1 wherein said upper layer and said lower layer are formed from vinyl sheet material.
5. (original) The system of Claim 1 wherein said piece of material comprises a piece of fabric material.
6. (original) The system of Claim 1 wherein said intermediate fixation system comprises:
an intermediate vinyl sheet layer having an upper surface and a lower surface, said piece of material being attached to the upper surface; and
an adhesive layer applied to the lower surface of said intermediate vinyl layer, said adhesive layer being adhered to the upper surface of said lower layer.
7. (original) The system of Claim 6 wherein said adhesive layer applied to the lower surface of said intermediate vinyl sheet layer comprises a pressure sensitive adhesive.

8. (original) A system for retaining and displaying a piece of material, said system comprising:

a piece of fabric material having an upper surface, a lower surface, and an outer periphery;

an intermediate vinyl sheet layer having an upper surface and a lower surface, said piece of fabric material being attached to the upper surface of said intermediate vinyl sheet layer;

an adhesive layer applied to the lower surface of said intermediate vinyl sheet layer;

a lower vinyl sheet layer having an outer periphery, an upper surface and a lower surface, said piece of fabric material being affixed to the upper surface of said lower vinyl sheet layer by said adhesive layer, said lower vinyl sheet layer being sized such that the outer periphery thereof extends beyond the outer periphery of said piece of fabric material;

an upper vinyl sheet layer having an outer periphery sized such that the outer periphery of said upper vinyl sheet layer extends beyond the outer periphery of said piece of fabric material, and is sealed to the upper surface of said lower vinyl sheet layer, said upper vinyl sheet layer having an opening passing therethrough which is sized such that a portion of said upper vinyl sheet layer surrounding the opening therein overlies and is sealed to the outer periphery of said piece of fabric material on its upper surface; and

a pressure sensitive adhesive layer applied to the lower surface of said lower vinyl sheet layer.

9. (original) The system of Claim 8 further comprising a releasable backing layer applied to said pressure sensitive adhesive layer.

10. (original) The system of Claim 8 wherein said adhesive layer applied to the lower surface of said intermediate vinyl sheet layer comprises a pressure sensitive adhesive.

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